Substitution of OSEB by OCH and Gridco

1409. SHRI MD. SALIM:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

(a) whether following the reforms and restructuring in Orissa, the Orissa State Electricity Board (OSEB) has been substituted by Orissa Hydropower Corporation (OHC) and Grid Corporation of Orissa Limited (GRIDCO);

(b) whether according to electricity reforms Act, GRIDCO can take only such activities which are commercially viable;

(c) whether in view of the above, most of the schemes sanctioned by REC pertaining to Rural Electrification Programme would not come under commercially viable category; and

(d) whether the Orissa Government is suggesting separate organisation for execution of REC activities against this backdrop?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Grid Corporation of Orissa Limited (GRIDCO) can take up schemes like rural electrification scheme which may not be commerially viable, for which it can claim subsidy from the Government.

(d) No, Sir.

Electricity Production in Kerala

1410. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the domestic production of electricity in Kerala before and after the commissioning of the Idukky project;

(b) the date when Idukky project was commissioned;

(c) what has been the increase in the electricity production so far;

(d) whether it is a notable increase; and;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) to (e) The six generationg units, each having an installed capacity of 130 MW of Idukky Hydro-Electric Project were commissioned between 1976 and 1986 as per detail given below:

Unit No.	Date of Commissioning
1.	12.2.1976
2.	7.6.1976
3.	22.12.1976
4.	30.10.1985
5.	16.3.1986
6.	30.8.1986

With the commissioning of each unit, a net generating capacity of 130 MW each was added to the overall generating capacity available in Kerala prior to the commissioning of such unit. During the period April, 1996 to January, 1997, Idukki Hydro Electric Project generated 1892 MU compared to 2660 MU generated by the remaining power projects of Kerala. As on date, the power generated by Idukki Hydro-Electric project accounts for 41.6% of the total power generated by all the power projects of Kerala Government.

Clearance to Enron Power Projects

1411. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have assured to clear several Enron Power Projects around coastal areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) on what terms and conditions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) No. Sir. (b) and (c) Do not arise.